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SUBJECT: ASEAN SUMMIT: INDONESIAN PRESS STATEMENT

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 5057 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE FULL TEXT OF A PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED ON THE ARRIVAL IN KUALA LUMPUR AUGUST 3 OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO, TO THE ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. STATEMENT'S BASIC THEME IS IMPORTANCE INDONESIA ATTACHES TO THE MEETING, WHICH IS OF ADDED SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF THE POST-SUMMIT DIALOGUES WITH AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD TO "A MORE EFFECTIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
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COOPERATION BETWEEN ASEAN AND THOSE COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD."

2. BEGIN TEXT: PRESS STATEMENT: THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION LED BY PRESIDENT SSOEHARTO COMPRISING OF SEVERAL MINISTERS AND HIGH INDONESIAN OFFICIALS, HAS ARRIVED IN KUALA LUMPUR TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, TO BE HELD

IN CONJUNCTION WITH/IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 10 YEARS OF ASEAN.

3. INDONESIA REGARDS THIS SUMMIT MEETING AS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE AS IT WILL DISCUSS VARIOUS ISSUES AND CAN BE USED AS A FORUM TO REEVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF ASEAN ORGANISATION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON OBJECTIVES SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THIS ORGANISATION 10 YEARS AGO, IN PARTICULAR THE EXECUTION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BALI SUMMIT MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1976.

4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FROM THESE MEETINGS THE ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL REACH COMMON CONSENSUS THAT CAN FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE DECISIONS AND ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MACHINERY FOR COOPERATION WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE PAST YEARS.

5. FURTHERMORE THIS MEETING HAS AN ADDED IMPORTANCE, FOR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THIS SUMMIT MEETING, THE LEADERS OF ASEAN COUNTRIES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD DIALOGUES WITH COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH ASEAN, NAMELY AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND. WE HOPE THAT OUT OF THESE MEETINGS/DIALOGUES WILL EMERGE A MORE EFFECTIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ASEAN AND THOSE COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. FOR ASEAN IT MAY FURTHER INCREASE THE MOMENTUM FOR THE EXECUTION OF ASEAN POLICIES AND DECISIONS.

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6. THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION HIGHLY COMPLIMENTS THE PREPARATION FOR THIS SUMMIT MEETING, SO WELL ORGANISED BY THE HOST COUNTRY MALAYSIA, AND IS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE WELCOMING RECEPTION EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA AND THEIR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING.
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